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Cock of Rock Paz de Aves Mindo, Western Slopes



Hoatzin, Sacha



Green-crowned Woodnymph - Milpe Western Slopes



Moustached Pitta - Paz de Aves Mindo, Western Slopes

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Day 1

Wednesday 3rd August

Arrival to Quito

After an uneventful journey from the UK across the Atlantic participants were greeted by transfer organizers and soon after collecting luggage reached the conveniently located and nearby hotel in the capital Quito.

Day 2

Thursday 4th August

Quito – Calacalí – Nono / Mindo Rd

Our official and first early start soon had us in a unique type of dry inter-andean valley, wherein with blue sky and early morning light we were soon enjoying views of the gaudy Tufted Tit Tyrant, Band tailed Seedeater, Ash breasted Sierra Finch, and Scaly Ground Doves. As a surprise came a pair of Tropical Mockingbirds, a recent settler in Ecuador, the two actively harassing an adult Black chested Buzzard Eagle! We were entertained at the beginning of the day by Black tailed Trainbearer, Blue and yellow Tanager, Streak backed Canastero, Golden rumped Euphonia, and had our first encounter with the majestic Giant Hummingbird that was sharing its feeding plant with a Rusty Flowerpiercer.

We then continued our journey descending the west slope of the Andes with unparalleled views of a very sunny cloud forest. As the day was warm we decided to access the famous old Nono-Mindo Rd through the shaded back road of Miraflores and were granted with our first mix foraging flock containing Golden and Beryl spangled Tanagers, Blue-winged Mountain Tanager, Montane Woodcreeper, White tailed Tyrannulet and Pearl Treerunner.

Later we visited a flowery garden and had lunch with lots of hummingbirds around us, including: Sparkling, Green and Brown Violetears, Booted Racket-tail, Buff tailed Coronet, Andean and Western Emeralds, Rufous tailed Hummingbird and Fawn breasted Brilliant.

The rest of the afternoon was spent birding fruitfully along the Tandayapa Pass, Research Station Rd and lower parts of the route scoring such goodies as nesting Plate billed Mountain Toucan, Plain tailed Wren, Tanager Finch, Streak Tuftedcheek, Gorgeted Sunangel, Grass green Tanager and a male Crested Quetzal that flew past close carrying food to a nearby nest. Additionally we found our first cervid, a very tame Red Brocket Deer. Late afternoon had us arriving to our comfortable lodge, content with our first day of birding.

Day 3

Friday 5th August

Milpe Bird Sanctuary - Nambillo Waterfalls Rd

An early breakfast had us soon ready and swiftly we were birding the Milpe road where we found our first big flocks of Bronze winged Parrots, Swallow, Bay headed, nesting Blue necked, and Guira Tanagers, with nearby Sooty headed Tyrannulet, Choco Tyrannulet, Smoke colored Pewee, Buff fronted Foliage Gleaner, Lineated Woodpecker, Choco Toucan and many Red eyed Vireos. Inside the bird sanctuary we had no trouble in finding the exciting leking Club winged Manakin, and nearby another mix foraging flock brought us Red headed Barbet, Red faced Spinetail, our first pair of the stunning Toucan Barbet, Guayaquil Woodpecker, the showy Ornate Flycatcher, Scaly throated Foliage Gleaner, the often overlooked Rufous rumped Antwren, a fine pair of Choco Warbler and a single Pallid Dove.

At the feeders we found more new birds including Green Thorntail, Purple billed Whitetip, White necked Jacobin, White whiskered Hermit, Green crowned Woodnymph and Green crowned Brilliant. Additionally we had an oddly obliging juvenile Barred Forest Falcon that show very well and so did the austral migrant Snowy throated Kingbird. We returned to our lodge to have a nice typical lunch and checked the plentiful feeders to find yet more specialties: Violet tailed Sylph, Empress Brilliant, and Velvet purple Coronet, showing beautifully in almost every imaginable posture.

After our break in the middle of the day we ventured to the famous Mindo Valley, and explored the waterfalls road - we quickly discovered why this area was designated South America's first Important Bird Area: Masked Tityra, Red billed Parrot, Tawny bellied Hermit, Collared Trogon, Golden headed Quetzal in supreme light, Golden naped, Fawn breasted, Silver throated, Black capped and Ochre breasted Tanagers flocking together in company of Dusky and Yellow throated Bush Tanagers, and a late afternoon Crested Guan yelping loudly at the end of our second day.

Day 4

Saturday 6th August

Antpitta Farm - Milpe Rd

Another long awaited customary early start to see the magnificent leking of the Cock of the Rock had us happily ready and walking into the forest with torches. Before entering, the unique nasal vocalizations of this fantastic bird announced the beginning of the day. We enjoyed displaying males as they chased each other and bowed and flapped their wings incessantly calling and defending their perches. After admiring such a brilliant spectacle we couldn't avoid the Antpitta show! ...but before that happened we first located a nice White throated Quail Dove and following this we were introduced to a covey of very tame Dark backed Wood Quails that happily ate pieces of banana and earthworms.

As we ascended the slope the show continued, first Giant Antpitta (a massive bird!), then along came the minute Ochre breasted and soon middle size Moustached in the middle of the trail. At the feeders we had good looks at a Brown Inca, in the company of other Choco endemic ones such as Empress Brilliant, Purple billed Whitetip, Violet tailed Sylph, and others.

Once at the main entrance we feasted on a well earned typical breakfast that was followed by a visit to an area with nesting Orange breasted Fruiteater and a confiding Yellow breasted Antpitta. We then returned to the lodge to rest and have lunch before venturing out again.

The afternoon was spent at the lower stretches of the Milpe Rd, where we had good looks of many new birds including noisy Scarlet rumped Cacique, Band backed Wren, Chestnut mandibled Toucan and Pale mandibled Aracari. At the end of the road we got really impressed with the extensively forested gorge of the Pachijal River and even more so when managed to discover a single of the exquisite Black tipped Cotinga. A busy mix forging flock had us entertained here and we managed some good new ones such as Three striped Warbler, White shoulder and Dusky faced Tanager, together with Lineated Foliage Gleaner, Slaty Antwren, Slaty capped Flycatcher, Wedge billed Woodcreeper, One coloured Becard, and the loud Bay Wren. On the way back we made stops to find preening Maroon tailed Parakeets (pacific race, Pacific or Choco Parakeet to some), Pacific Hornero, Scrub Blackbird and Masked Water Tyrant.

Before dinner we had eye to eye views with a Black and White Owl that usually frequents the parking lot lamp where it secures large moths.

Day 5

Sunday 7th August

Mashpi - Quito

Today was another special day as we devoted it to the “recently” discovered new hot-spot of birding in the northwest: Mashpi. This location stands out for its unique set of Choco endemics, upon arrival we didn't had to wait long and located a pair of the smart Indigo Flowerpiercer that was moving in the dense under-storey with a juvenile. Higher up an unexpected swarm of army ants was attracting Esmeraldas Antbird, Choco Warbler, Immaculate Antbird, Golden Olive Woodpecker, Uniform Treehunter, and a Scale crested Pygmy Tyrant, with a single electrifying Glistening green Tanager passing by. Continuing further a common bird along the road was the superb Moss backed Tanager (easier to see here than anywhere else!), Choco Brush Finch moved in the dense under-storey, and a Pacific Tuftedcheek decided to perch in the open for us. A pair of Uniform Antshrikes eventually gave in and gave us good looks but not so the Bronze olive Pygmy Tyrant that was heard a lot giving its mechanical calls with fast wing beats.

Later we explored another part of the main road and luckily discovered a mix foraging flock - 53 species were encountered! These included Brown billed Scythebill, Emerald Tanager, Stub tailed Antbird, Cinnamon Woodpecker, Orange fronted Barbet, Scarlet browed Tanager, Western Slaty Antshrike, Slate throated Gnatcatcher, Slaty capped Shrike Vireo, Western Woodhunter, Yellow tufted Dacnis, and a totally unexpected Rufous Mourner that gave us great looks. After digesting our lunch we travelled to Quito to relax and prepare for our eastern slope and paramo days.

Day 6

Monday 8th August

Chiche Canyon - Old Papallacta Rd

Leaving Quito we stopped at the Chiche Canyon to look for some inter-andean dry forest species and succeeded finding the spectacular Giant Hummingbird as it sunbathed on an exposed branch.

Other welcome new findings were Vermilion Flycatcher, the localized Scrub Tanager, Southern Beardless Tyrannulet, Golden bellied Grosbeak and a plentiful flock of amusing Hooded Siskins. As we ascended the Andes we found it to be very windy and for the rest of the morning struggled, finding Blue mantled Thornbill, Many striped Canastero, and Bar winged Cinclodes. At the pass the conditions got more severe and we only found a brave Paramo Ground Tyrant and a smart Plumbeous Sierra Finch.

After a nice packed lunch overlooking the grandeur of the paramo and the Andes, we travelled to our hotel to check in and enjoyed a quick dip in the thermal pools before continuing with our afternoon birding. Luckily for us, it took only a short drive and although still a bit windy, we quickly worked an explosive flock containing two of the targets here: a handsome Masked Mountain Tanager and a hectic family group of Black backed Bush Tanagers, together with a group of the handsome Blue backed Conebill, a pair of very showy Buff breasted Mountain Tanagers, and a hectic White throated Tyrannulet.

Later and as we descended the slopes, another mixed flock was encountered and to our fortune a party of very flashy Agile Tit Tyrants were giving justice to their name, accompanied by a very active pair of Scarlet bellied Mountain Tanagers. To finish the day we saw a Pudu, a rare cervid only found in the northern Andes of South America, and also saw a Tapiti Rabbit, before relaxing in the hot springs and enjoying a nice local trout for supper.

Day 7

Tuesday 9th August

San Isidro - Guango

With an early start we decided to venture downhill to the lush subtropical cloud forests around San Isidro, but our journey was intercepted by a Band winged Nightjar and a totally unexpected Sickle winged Guan which we found literally on the side of the road. As we reached our destination birds were everywhere, Subtropical Cacique, Russet backed Oropendola, Masked Trogon, Inca Jay, Pale edge Flycatcher, Black billed Peppershrike, and many more, all feasting on moths attracted to the lights overnight. We then had a welcome break and enjoyed our breakfast while more new species were added including White capped Parrot, Cinnamon Flycatcher, Glossy black Thrush and Russet crowned Warbler. Later we set off to attempt yet another Antpitta, and soon enough we were enjoying great looks of a White bellied Antpitta. We headed further into the forest where with the enticement of a few worms we were delighted with a superb male Peruvian Antpitta! Before rain started we decided to check the hummingbird feeders and found Long tailed Sylph, Bronzy and Collared Incas, together with Chestnut breasted Coronet.

While it continued raining we drove the road to the scientific station and beyond, finding the gaudy Southern Lapwing. As the rain ceased a stop was made and before realizing it we were in the middle of a very busy mixed foraging flock. After an hour of watching we found 40 species(!), with new and special ones to us such as Emerald (Andean; albivitta subspecies) Toucanet, Golden Collared Honeycreeper, the scarce Chestnut breasted Chlorophonia, Saffron crowned Tanager, Bluish Flowerpiercer, Rufous breasted Flycatcher, Black crested Warbler, Barred Becard, Plushcap, the entertaining Rufous crowned Tody Flycatcher, Long tailed Antbird, Lemon browed Flycatcher and the impressive Strong billed Woodcreeper.

Afterwards we enjoyed a drive with nice waterfalls and sightseeing as we travelled to Guango for a customary delicious lunch. Upon arriving at Guango we encountered new hummingbirds here including the mind boggling Sword billed, elegant White bellied Woodstar, Buff winged Starfontlet, and Tourmaline Sunangel among others. After a period of rain we set off to scout the river and while on the trails found Black capped and Black eared Hemispingae, Grey hooded Bush Tanager, followed by the torrential trio: Torrent Tyrannulet, White capped Dipper and male and female Torrent Duck.

At the end of the afternoon flocking was still happening and we had luck with Pale napped and Slaty Brush Finches, a discrete Slaty backed Chat Tyrant, Northern Mountain Cacique, a family group of Hooded Mountain Tanager, agile and fast Pale footed Swallows, Mountain Wren, and the unexpected Black capped Tyrannulet. With such a productive day we proceeded to the hot springs to relax before our supper.

Day 8

Wednesday 10th August

Antisana - Quito

We started the day by enjoying a buffet breakfast at a civilized time, and while still raining we set off to Antisana Ecological Reserve. The weather this morning was certainly better with bright and warm conditions as we started our ascent, birding along the way. The wind was blowing but we still managed nice views of Carunculated Caracara, and two morphs (species?) of the Variable Hawk, and American Kestrel.

Later we stopped at a more sheltered site and discovered a congregation of foraging Stout and Chestnut winged Cinclodes (the latter formerly Bar winged), Plumbeous Sierra Finch, a smart pair of Paramo Pipit, and a handsome pair of Andean Lapwing. As we walked over the ridge we discovered three Andean Condors floating in the high skies. Our ascent was still in progress when we found another pair of Condors close to the distant ridge so we decided to drive closer and saw them at a much closer range, this time making it evident that an adult male was in the company of a juvenile.

Quite pleased with the first part of the morning we reached the highland plateau where, after a careful search, we managed to locate a pair of the rare and scarce Black faced Ibis. While scanning we found lots of elegant Carunculated Caracaras walking and foraging in the paramo grasslands and together were a few loose flocks of the nice Black winged Ground Dove.

Our journey continued and soon we had the Micacocha high Andean lake in view, this fantastic scenery combined with views of the massive Antisana glaciers and snow packs made the observations of additional Condors even more memorable. At the lake we found loafing Andean Coots, a numerous pack of the localized Silvery Grebe, Andean Teal, Yellow billed Pintail and the warmly coloured Andean Ruddy Duck. Having sorted the typical high Andean waterfowl, we drove to the Hacienda and enjoyed a nice lunch accompanied with hot coffee and views of both male and female Ecuadorian Hillstar, the sole species ranging this high up in the Andes.

On our way down we discovered a very nice Andean Condor that soared in close range, and in perfect light, so we decided to stop, and to our surprise this graceful master of flight eventually came to land nearby to a dead bull and soon a juvenile bird joined. Pecking and ripping pieces together with five Carunculated Caracaras that looked sparrow-sizes as they feasted, and before we knew it a massive sized female bird approached with great manoeuvrability. Feeling blessed, we returned to Quito and reviewed the upcoming days we were going to start a completely different portion of the journey, the mighty Amazon lowlands.

Day 9

Thursday 11th August

Quito – Sacha Lodge

This was our one and only lie-in of the trip, so we enjoyed a leisurely breakfast before getting ourselves organised for the next leg of our adventure. Having said goodbye to Alejandro for three days we were picked up mid-morning and taken to the airport in order to catch our short flight to Puerto Francisco de Orellana, locally known as ‘Coca’. Unfortunately it was overcast as we crossed the Alps, with only the tips of the volcanoes breaking through the cloud, before getting our first views of the lowland forest and ribbons of sparkling rivers stretching out before us as we began our approach to the airport.

We were the only passengers destined for Sacha and after a refuelling stop at their headquarters in Coca we boarded a motorised dug-out canoe and headed off downstream on the Napo River to Sacha Lodge. The weather was hot, in contrast to the previous day at Antisana, but there was a pleasant breeze as we sped down the river. We sat back and watched river life pass us by recording a few of the more obvious birds from the boat including White-winged Swallow, Cocoi Heron, Great White Egret, Black Caracara and Black and Greater Yellow-headed Vulture.

After two hours on the boat, we arrived at the lodge’s warehouse area where we started out along the boardwalk towards the creek, where birds like Yellow-rumped Cacique and Russet-backed Oropendola greeted us nosily. With the threat of rain in the air it was a rather rushed walk but we did stop to watch a group of Squirrel Monkeys cross the path above our heads. We then jumped in a dugout canoe and were paddled across the blackwater Pilchicocha Lake to reach the lodge.

On our arrival at the lodge, we were introduced to our dedicated bird guide Marcelo who was to look after us whilst we were at Sacha, and over a welcome cocktail he gave us a thorough briefing on what we could look forward to over the coming days. We had made excellent progress up river and had time to quickly unpack before meeting up with Marcelo at about 16:00 for an introductory exploration of the forest trails. This was a real bonus and gave us our first unforgettable experience of birding in the jungle. High on my wanted list was Wire-tailed Manakin and this was almost the first bird we saw and was quickly followed by Rusty belted Tapaculo, Purplish Jacamar, Great Potoo, Lined Forest Falcon and the aptly named Musician Wren.

At the end of the trail we boarded a paddling canoe and slowly drifted back down Anaconda Creek giving us our first views of noisy Hoatzin as the light faded. Paddling across the lake in darkness a Tropical Screech Owl showed well in the spotlight.

Dinner was superb and we settled down to listen to the chorus of insects and frogs which provided the soundtrack to our first night in the jungle!

Day 10

Friday 12th August

Sacha Lodge

After an early breakfast, we hit the trail whilst it was still dark in order to reach the lodge's main attraction – the 500 ft. (300 m.) long canopy walkway - just after first light, picking up a superb Collared Puffbird en route. We finally arrived at the impressive structure built of metal and supported by three towers, and climbed the sturdy steps to reach the first platform 36m above the forest floor. It was a still clear morning and as the light improved we were treated to spectacular views across the endless canopy. The first birds we saw were a pair of Double-toothed Kites perched nearby and colourful Gilded Barbets.

We walked through the 'canopy trail' onto platform 2 where a Common Piping Guan was seen, and early flights of White-eyed and Maroon-tailed Parakeets and Orange-winged Parrots and a pair of Chestnut – fronted Macaws crossed between the trees. From our elevated vantage point we enjoyed several small flocks moving through the canopy including Social, Streaked and Piratic Flycatcher, Masked, and Green-and-Gold Tanagers, White-lored Euphonia, Blue and Black-faced Dacnis, Crimson-crested and Scale breasted Woodpecker, Greyish Mourner and Chestnut-winged Hookbill. The real stars were the toucan family with superb views of Many banded and Ivory billed Aracari, displaying Golden Collared Toucanet and both White-throated and Channel-billed Toucan.

A party of Red Howler Monkeys showed well through the scope and we also enjoyed good views of Bare-necked and Purple throated Fruitcrows and eventually our first cotingas, with the rarer Purple-throated Cotinga putting in an appearance. As the day warmed up raptors became more active with Slender-billed, Plumbeous and Swallow-tailed Kites, Slate-coloured Hawk, Black Caracara and Greater Yellow-headed Vultures along with many Grey-rumped and Neotropical Palms Swifts.

As the temperature soared, bird activity dropped, and we retreated to the shade of the forest floor to bird the trails leading back towards the lodge. An elusive Striated Antthrush was eventually coaxed out into view allowing a few photos and other good birds included Blue-crowned Manakin, Pink-throated Becard, Fasciated Antshrike, White-tailed Trogon and Red-stained Woodpecker. The undoubted highlight however was a superb roosting Crested Owl.

We arrived at the lodge in time for a shower and explored around the cabins where we enjoyed the antics of the tiny Pygmy Marmosets and several Black mantled Tamarins. We enjoyed a delicious lunch which was interrupted by the discovery of an Anaconda near the boat landing dock. It was only a baby but at 4½ feet was still a much sought after encounter. Despite the Anaconda sighting we enjoyed a surprisingly refreshing dip in the black waters of Pilchicocha Lake, whilst other guests fished for piranhas from the sun deck.

After discovering a Black Agouti near the Butterfly garden and photographing the Tamarins it was time to jump into the canoes for our afternoon excursion.

We paddled up the Anaconda creek and walked along the Higueron trail in search of some of the elusive species of the forest floor. Highlights included Black-capped Donacobious, Straight-billed Hermit, Lanceolated Monklet, Silvery Antbird, Chestnut-belted Gnatcatcher, Black-tailed Leaf-tosser and Black-faced Antthrush.

Mammals included more Red Howlers and our first Greater Fishing Bats as we paddled back to the lodge at dusk. After a refreshing cold shower, we relaxed in the bar and completed our log over a beer and popcorn, before another delicious dinner!

Day 11

Saturday 13th August

Sacha Lodge

We started early this morning, taking a packed lunch with us as we were paddled across the lake in darkness, and headed back to the Napo River and the parrot licks. We walked along the boardwalk at first light getting good views of Tawny-bellied Screech Owl, Plumbeous Antbird and White-winged Becard as well as troops of quizzical Squirrel Monkeys and White-fronted Capuchin Monkeys. We then took the motorized canoe and set off down river towards the Yasuni N.P. stopping frequently for new birds en route. Capped Heron, Black-billed Thrush and both Black and Yellow-headed Caracara were recorded before our first stop on a sandbank where we had good scope views of Violaceous Jay, Orange-winged Parrot and Bare-necked Fruitcrow. A pair of Red and Green Macaws flew over the trees before the star attraction appeared in the shape of Amazonian Umbrellabird, complete with long wattle and large quiff.

Back on the boat we arrived at the first parrot-lick, an exposed cliff-face viewed from the river. The surrounding trees held good numbers of Blue-headed and Mealy Parrots and swirling flocks of Dusky-headed Parakeets some of which briefly came down to take clay hanging from the vines. We drifted downstream to the Yasuni N.P. entrance stopping to photograph a pair of Ladder-tailed Nightjars roosting at the river bank! A short walk to the original parrot lick added Warbling Antbird, Swallow-winged Puffbird and Olive-faced Flatbill as well as good numbers of White-lined Sac-winged Bats roosting in the roof of the old hide.

We returned to the parrot lick to check if there was any more activity only to find a Red-tailed Boa Constrictor in the process of strangling one of the parakeets. We had good scope views of the snake from the bank and a more leisurely scan of the parrots adding Yellow-crowned Parrot. Our local guide Columbia knew of a short 20 minute trail so we set off into the jungle returning hot and sweaty two hours later with a host of new birds on our list! Star birds included Black-headed Parrot, Yellow-billed and Great Jacamar, Black-faced and Yellow-browed Antbird, Long-winged and Rufous-tailed Antwren and Long-billed Gnatwren. Several small mixed flocks were encountered containing amongst others Fulvous shrike Tanagers, Chestnut-winged Foliage Gleaners, Screaming Piha and Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper. We also had excellent views of a noisy party of Dusky Titi Monkeys which crossed the trail in front of us as we returned to the river.

It was now time to move on to the parakeet clay licks where the raucous calls of hundreds of Cobalt-winged Parakeets could be heard as we approached the hide.

After a patient wait the birds began to drop into the lower foliage before finally descending on to a small exposed cave at ground level no more than 50 feet in front of us. This proved to be one of the spectacles of the trip with a blur of cobalt blue wings as the birds competed for the best spots. We spent an hour with the birds captivated by the occasional mass eruptions as they were spooked by an unseen predator before fluttering back down to the lick. Just as we were about to leave a group of six Scarlet Macaws were found perched in trees above our heads giving excellent scope views although unfortunately did not drop down to collect the precious minerals.

We finally dragged ourselves away and headed up the steep track beside the lick where we found Great-billed Hermit, Golden-headed Manakin and Golden-crowned Spadebill. Best of all was a Brown Three-toed Sloth which gave superb eye level views as it slowly climbed a tall Cecropia tree.

We had enjoyed an action packed morning and felt we fully deserved our late picnic lunch back at the riverside before working our way back up river to the lodge adding Large-billed and Yellow-billed Terns and Amazonian Kingfisher. We had a slow walk back along the boardwalk to the paddling canoes encountering White-chinned Jacamar and a mixed flock of Masked Crimson, Grey-headed and Silver-beaked Tanagers. One final treat just before arriving back at the lodge were four Hoatzin's which posed for photographs in the lakeside vegetation. After a long, hot and sticky day we jumped straight in the lake to enjoy a very refreshing swim and relaxed in the late afternoon sunshine before a well deserve beer and another excellent meal.

Day 12

Sunday 14th August

Sacha Lodge

We began our last full day at Sacha, heading up the Napo River in the motorised canoe to explore the unique and very different habitat of the upper Amazonian riverine islands. New birds seen as we sped up river included Lettered Aracari, Ringed Kingfisher, Grey-necked Woodrail and two Ospreys, as well as another Amazonian Umbrellabird which flew over our heads. After about 45 minutes we landed on a sandy island covered with thick grasses and tall bamboos. This is home to many endemic species and we soon added Lesser Hornero, Dark-breasted, White-bellied and Parker's Spinetail and several new flycatchers and seedeaters. Another special bird here was the Olive-spotted Hummingbird but the diminutive and extremely secretive Grey-breasted Crake stole the show. Forging through the thick vegetation we had excellent views of Black and White Antbird another highly localised island endemic.

We spent the rest of the morning birding along the Napo River seeing a pair of Chestnut-fronted Macaws, Greater Yellowlegs, Collared Plover and Roseate Spoonbill. A short unplanned stop due to engine failure proved productive adding Little Woodpecker, Orange-backed Troupial and Scarlet-crowned Barbet as we drifted downstream. Once power was restored we headed up a narrow creek into the Yasuni N.P. where we saw Long-tailed Potoo, Crane Hawk and Sungrebe. Before we returned to the lodge we explored the back route to the lodge where we had good views of Blue-crowned Trogon and finally, after much gentle coaxing, a Thrush-like Antpitta showed in the undergrowth. A quick shower preceded another excellent lunch, and we enjoyed a chilled afternoon photographing the resident Pygmy Marmosets and relaxing on the sundeck.

At 16:00 we boarded the dugout canoes for our final excursion gently paddling along the enchanting Orguidea Creek to the Kapok Tower. One of the first birds we saw was the prized Agami Heron, a richly coloured and secretive bird with a very long dagger bill even by heron standards. This was quickly followed by Boat-billed and Rufescent Tiger Heron, American Pygmy and Green and Rufous Kingfishers and another group of raucous Hoatzin's.

We then climbed the 40m wooden tower built around an ageing Kapok Tree which gave more lasting memories of gazing out over the canopy. Again aracaris and toucans gave prolonged views in the tree tops, whilst Spix's Guan, Spangled Cotinga, White-browed Purpletuft and Pied Puffbird were very welcome new additions to our list. From the treetop platform you felt right in amongst the birds with Rufous-bellied Euphonia, Yellow-browed Tody Flycatcher and Black-faced Dacnis showing at very close range. We lingered on the platform until the sun began to set enjoying our final views of two troops of Red Howler Monkeys feeding in the crowns.

Marcelo had one surprise left, as rather than take the canoe back to the lodge we set off along the trails in search of creatures of the night. Although we failed to attract any owls we were alerted to movement in the canopy by falling fruits and the spotlight revealed a troop of Night Monkeys moving quickly through the branches. As it was our final night we enjoyed a couple of well-earned beers in the bar before gathering on the fishing deck to enjoy a farewell barbeque under an inky black starry sky.

Day 13

Monday 15th August

Coca - Quito

We were allowed a slightly later breakfast, which was supplemented with a birthday cake for Claire, before packing our bags and sadly heading back to Coca to catch our return flight to Quito. The flight was on time and once in Quito, we headed to our hotel to rest for a couple of hours. We enjoyed a late afternoon walk around the botanical gardens which gave stunning views of Black-tailed Trainbearer. We met up with Alejandro for a beer to exchange bird news and get our briefing for our final day, before heading out into Quito to celebrate Claire's birthday.

Day 14

Tuesday 16th August

Yanacocha - Quito

Our last day of full on birding started with a customary early breakfast and soon after we were on the road to Yanacocha. On the way we had a magnificent view of the eastern Andes, including the snow capped Cayambe and the sharp peak of Cotacachi. Upon arriving at the reserve a very welcome Black chested Mountain Tanager greet us and accompanying this beauty were a superb male Great Sapphirewing and two old friends; Shinning Sunbeam and Buff winged Starfrontlet.

With our lunch packed we headed to the famous Inca Ditch Trail, where we were enthralled with several mixed flocks during the course of the morning.

The most noteworthy were Northern Rufous naped Brush Finch, White throated Tyrannulet, Blue backed Conebill, Streak Tuftedcheek, Scarlet bellied Mountain Tanager, Pearl Treerunner, Barred Fruiteater, Grass green Tanager, Spectacled Whitestar, Rufous Wren, Red crested Cotinga, Superciliated Hemispingus and the gaudy Crowned Chat Tyrant.

As we walked, the great views of the imposing Pichincha Volcano got better and better. We had an interesting but swift encounter with a White throated Hawk (an austral migrant) that was persecuted by a very upset male Buff winged Starfrontlet. Additionally we enjoyed good views of the secretive Blackish (formerly Unicolored; which is now a Peru Endemic) and a cooperative Ash colored Tapaculo. Among the other interesting ground dwellers were a Tawny Antpitta that kept on crossing the path in front of us allowing great views, and a more shy but similarly cooperative Rufous Antpitta that we managed just after lunch.

The feeders at Yanacocha are always a spectacle to enjoy and while doing so we managed new ones to us such as Golden breasted and Sapphire vented Puffleg, with an oddly billed Mountain Velvetbreast performing nearby. Two other skulkers were observed as we finished our walk, a Stripe headed Brush Finch that sang strenuously from the same perch, and a very responsive White browed Spinetail that gave us a message clarifying who's the owner of the tangles! At the last minute we made a stop to be greeted with one of Yanacochas' most beautiful birds, the vibrant Golden crowned Tanager.

With our list surpassing the 500's we decided to head towards the airport in order to catch the flight back home.

Day 15

Wednesday 17th August

Return to the UK

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Species Lists

Birds

	Common name	Scientific name		Common name	Scientific name
1	Little Tinamou	<i>Crypturellus soui</i>	268	Warbling Antbird	<i>Hypocnemis cantator</i>
2	Silvery Grebe	<i>Podiceps occipitalis</i>	269	Black and White Antbird	<i>Myrmochanes hemileucus</i>
3	Neotropic Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocorax brasilianus</i>	270	Silvered Antbird	<i>Sclateria naevia</i>
4	Andean Teal	<i>Anas andium</i>	271	Plumbeous Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza hyperythra</i>
5	Yellow-billed Pintail	<i>Anas spinicauda</i>	272	Immaculate Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza immaculata</i>
6	Torrent Duck	<i>Merganetta armata</i>	273	White-backed Fire-eye	<i>Pyriglena leuconota</i>
7	Andean Duck	<i>Oxyura ferruginea</i>	274	Striated Antthrush	<i>Chamaeza nobilis</i>
8	Cocoi Heron	<i>Ardea cocoi</i>	275	Rufous-breasted Antthrush	<i>Formicario rufipectus</i>
9	Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	276	Giant Antpitta	<i>Grallaria gigantea</i>
10	Snowy Egret	<i>Egretta thula</i>	277	Moustached Antpitta	<i>Grallaria alleni</i>
11	Agami Heron	<i>Agamia agami</i>	278	Chestnut-crowned Antpitta	<i>Grallaria ruficapilla</i>
12	Capped Heron	<i>Pilherodius pileatus</i>	279	Yellow-breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaria flavotincta</i>
13	Black-faced Ibis	<i>Theristicus melanopis</i>	280	Rufous Antpitta	<i>Grallaria rufula</i>
14	Cattle Egret	<i>Bulbulcus ibis</i>	281	Tawny Antpitta	<i>Grallaria quitensis</i>
15	Boat-billed Heron	<i>Cochlearius cochlearius</i>	282	Thrush-like Antpitta	<i>Myrmothera campanisona</i>
16	Rufescent Tiger-heron	<i>Tigrisoma lineatum</i>	283	Chestnut-belted Gnateater	<i>Conopophaga aurita</i>
17	Green Ibis	<i>Mesembrinibis cayennensis</i>	284	Rusty-belted Tapaculo	<i>Liosceles thoracicus</i>
18	Roseate Spoonbill	<i>Ajaia ajaja</i>	285	Blackish Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus latrans</i>
19	Andean Condor	<i>Vultur gryphus</i>	286	Equatorial Rufous-vented Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus micropterus</i>
20	King Vulture	<i>Sarcoramphus papa</i>	287	Narino Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus vicinior</i>
21	Black Vulture	<i>Coragyps atratus</i>	288	Spillmann's Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus spillmannii</i>
22	Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	289	Paramo Tapaculo	<i>Scytalopus canus</i>
23	Greater Yellow-headed Vulture	<i>Cathartes melambrotus</i>	290	Ocellated Tapaculo	<i>Acropternis orthonyx</i>
24	Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	291	Ash-colored Tapaculo	<i>Myornis senilis</i>
25	Swallow-tailed Kite	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	292	Sooty-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias griseiceps</i>

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26	Slender-billed Kite	<i>Rostrhamus hamatus</i>	293	Ashy-headed Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias cinereiceps</i>
27	Double-toothed Kite	<i>Harpagus bidentatus</i>	294	Slender-footed Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius gracilipes</i>
28	Plumbeous Kite	<i>Ictinia plumbea</i>	295	Southern Beardless-Tyrannulet	<i>Camptostoma obsoletum</i>
29	Crane Hawk	<i>Geranospiza caerulescens</i>	296	Greenish Elaenia	<i>Myiopagis viridicata</i>
30	Slate-coloured Hawk	<i>Leucopternis schistacea</i>	297	Sierran Elaenia	<i>Elaenia pallatangue</i>
31	Barred Hawk	<i>Leucopternis princeps</i>	298	White-crested Elaenia	<i>Elaenia albiceps</i>
32	Black-chested Eagle	<i>Geranoaetus melanoleucus</i>	299	White-throated Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus leucophrys</i>
33	Roadside Hawk	<i>Buteo magnirostris</i>	300	White-tailed Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus poecilocercus</i>
34	White-throated Hawk	<i>Buteo albigula</i>	301	White-banded Tyrannulet	<i>Mecocerculus stictopterus</i>
35	White-rumped Hawk	<i>B. leucorrhous</i>	302	Torrent Tyrannulet	<i>Serpophaga cinerea</i>
36	Variable (Puna) Hawk	<i>Buteo polyosoma</i>	303	Lesser Wagtail-Tyrant	<i>Stigmatura napensis</i>
37	Harris's Hawk	<i>Parabuteo unicinctus</i>	304	Tufted Tit-tyrant	<i>Anairetes parulus</i>
38	Black Caracara	<i>Daptrius ater</i>	305	Agile Tit-Tyrant	<i>Uromyias agilis</i>
39	Carunculated Caracara	<i>Phalcoboenus carunculatus</i>	306	Streak-necked Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes striaticollis</i>
40	Yellow-headed Caracara	<i>Milvago chimachima</i>	307	Olive-striped Flycatcher	<i>Mionectes olivaceus</i>
41	Barred Forest-Falcon	<i>Micrastur ruficollis</i>	308	Slaty-capped Flycatcher	<i>Leptopogon superciliaris</i>
42	Lined Forest-falcon	<i>Micrastur gilvicollis</i>	309	Yellow Tyrannulet	<i>Capsiempis flaveola</i>
43	Laughing Falcon	<i>Herpetotheres cachinnans</i>	310	Rufous-headed Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus ruficeps</i>
44	American Kestrel	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	311	Scale-crested Pygmy-Tyrant	<i>Lophotriccus pileatus</i>
45	Speckled Chachalaca	<i>Ortalis guttata</i>	312	Rufous-crowned Tody-Tyrant	<i>Poecilotriccus ruficeps</i>
46	Spix's Guan	<i>Penelope jacquacu</i>	313	Black-headed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum nigriceps</i>
47	Blue-throated Piping-Guan	<i>Pipile cumanensis</i>	314	Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum chrysocrotaphum</i>
48	Wattled Guan	<i>Aburria aburri</i>	315	Common Tody-Flycatcher	<i>Todirostrum cinereum</i>
49	Sickle-winged Guan	<i>Chamaepetes goudotii</i>	316	Zimmer's Flatbill	<i>Tolmomyias assimilis</i>
50	Dark-backed Wood-Quail	<i>Odontophorus melanonotus</i>	317	Olive-faced Flatbill	<i>Tolmomyias ecaudatus</i>
51	Gray-breasted Crake	<i>Laterallus exilis</i>	318	Golden-crowned Spadebill	<i>Platyrinchus coronatus</i>
52	White-throated Crake	<i>Laterallus albigularis</i>	319	Ruddy-tailed Flycatcher	<i>Terenotriccus erythrurus</i>
53	Gray-necked Wood-rail	<i>Aramides cajanea</i>	320	Cinnamon Flycatcher	<i>Pyrrhomyias cinnamomea</i>
54	Andean Coot	<i>Focha andina</i>	321	Rufous-breasted Flycatcher	<i>L. rufipectus</i>

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55	Sungrebe	<i>Heliornis fulica</i>	322	Ornate Flycatcher	<i>Myiotriccus ornatus</i>
56	Greater Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa melanoleuca</i>	323	Flavescent Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus flavicans</i>
57	Spotted Sandpiper	<i>Actitis macularia</i>	324	Bran-coloured Flycatcher	<i>Myiophobus fasciatus</i>
58	Southern Lapwing	<i>Vanellus chilensis</i>	325	Smoke-coloured Pewee	<i>Contopus fumigatus</i>
59	Andean Lapwing	<i>Vanellus resplendens</i>	326	Fuscous Flycatcher	<i>Cnemotriccus littoralis</i>
60	Collared Plover	<i>Charadrius collaris</i>	327	Black Phoebe	<i>Sayornis nigricans</i>
61	Andean Gull	<i>Larus serranus</i>	328	Vermillion Flycatcher	<i>Pyrocephalus rubinus</i>
62	Yellow-billed Tern	<i>Sterna superciliaris</i>	329	Brown-backed Chat-tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca fumicolor</i>
63	Large-billed Tern	<i>Phaetusa simplex</i>	330	Slaty-backed Chat-tyrant	<i>Ochthoeca cinnamomeiventris</i>
64	Feral Pigeon	<i>Columba livia 'feral'</i>	331	Crowned Chat-Tyrant	<i>Silvicultrix frontalis</i>
65	Band-tailed Pigeon	<i>Columba fasciata</i>	332	Masked Water-Tyrant	<i>Fluvicola nengeta</i>
66	Pale-vented Pigeon	<i>Columba cayennensis</i>	333	Drab Water Tyrant	<i>Ochthornis littoralis</i>
67	Ruddy Pigeon	<i>Columba subvinacea</i>	334	Smoky Bush-tyrant	<i>Myiotheretes fumigatus</i>
68	Plumbeous Pigeon	<i>Columba plumbea</i>	335	Paramo Ground Tyrant	<i>Muscisaxicola alpina</i>
69	Dusky Pigeon	<i>Columba goodsoni</i>	336	Bright-rumped Attila	<i>Attila spadiceus</i>
70	Eared Dove	<i>Zenaida auriculata</i>	337	Grayish Mourner	<i>Rhytipterna simplex</i>
71	Scaly Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina passerina</i>	338	Dusky-capped Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus tuberculifer</i>
72	Ruddy Ground-Dove	<i>Columbina talpacoti</i>	339	Short-crested Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus ferox</i>
73	Black-winged Ground-dove	<i>Metriopelia melanoptera</i>	340	Great Kiskadee	<i>Pitangus sulphuratus</i>
74	White-tipped Dove	<i>Leptotila verreauxi</i>	341	Boat-billed Flycatcher	<i>Megarhynchus pitangua</i>
75	Pallid Dove	<i>Leptotila pallida</i>	342	Rusty-margined Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes cayanensis</i>
76	White-throated Quail-Dove	<i>Geotrygon frenata</i>	343	Social Flycatcher	<i>Myiozetetes similis</i>
77	Ruddy Quail-Dove	<i>Geotrygon montana</i>	344	Streaked Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes maculatus</i>
78	Scarlet Macaw	<i>Ara macao</i>	345	Golden-crowned Flycatcher	<i>Myiodynastes chrysocephalus</i>
79	Chestnut-fronted Macaw	<i>Ara severa</i>	346	Piratic Flycatcher	<i>Legatus leucophaeus</i>
80	Red-bellied Macaw	<i>Orthopsittaca manilata</i>	347	Sulphury Flycatcher	<i>Tyrannopsis sulphurea</i>
81	White-eyed Parakeet	<i>Aratinga leucophthalmus</i>	348	Tropical Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus melancholicus</i>
82	Dusky-headed Parakeet	<i>Aratinga weddellii</i>	349	Snowy-throated Kingbird	<i>Tyrannus niveigularis</i>
83	Maroon-tailed Parakeet	<i>Pyrhura melanura</i>	350	Barred Becard	<i>Pachyrhamphus versicolor</i>

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84	Barred Parakeet	<i>Bolborhynchus lineola</i>	351	Cinnamon Becard	<i>Pachyramphus cinnamomeus</i>
85	Cobalt-winged Parakeet	<i>Brotogeris cyanoptera</i>	352	White-winged Becard	<i>Pachyramphus polychopterus</i>
86	Black-headed Parrot	<i>Pionites melanocephala</i>	353	Black-and-white Becard	<i>Pachyramphus albogriseus</i>
87	Orange-cheeked Parrot	<i>Pionopsitta barrabandi</i>	354	One-coloured Becard	<i>Pachyramphus homochrous</i>
88	Blue-headed Parrot	<i>Pionus menstruus</i>	355	Pink-throated Becard	<i>Pachyramphus minor</i>
89	Red-billed Parrot	<i>Pionus sordidus</i>	356	Masked Tityra	<i>Tityra semifasciata</i>
90	White-capped Parrot	<i>Pionus seniloides</i>	357	Red-crested Cotinga	<i>Ampelion rubrocristatus</i>
91	Bronze-winged Parrot	<i>Pionus chalcopterus</i>	358	Barred Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola arcuata</i>
92	Yellow-crowned Parrot	<i>Amazona ochrocephala</i>	359	White-browed Purpletuft	<i>Iodopleura isabellae</i>
93	Orange-winged Parrot	<i>Amazona amazonica</i>	360	Orange-breasted Fruiteater	<i>Pipreola jucunda</i>
94	Mealy Parrot	<i>Amazona farinosa</i>	361	Screaming Piha	<i>Lipaugus vociferans</i>
95	Squirrel Cuckoo	<i>Piaya cayana</i>	362	Purple-throated Cotinga	<i>Porphyrolaema porphyrolaema</i>
96	Greater Ani	<i>Crotophaga major</i>	363	Spangled Cotinga	<i>Cotinga cayana</i>
97	Smooth-billed Ani	<i>Crotophaga ani</i>	364	Black-tipped Cotinga	<i>Carpodectes hopkei</i>
98	Hoatzin	<i>Opisthocomus hoazin</i>	365	Bare-necked Fruitcrow	<i>Gymnoderus foetidus</i>
99	Tropical Screech-Owl	<i>Otus choliba</i>	366	Purple-throated Fruitcrow	<i>Querula purpurata</i>
100	Tawny-bellied Screech-Owl	<i>Otus watsonii</i>	367	Amazonian Umbrellabird	<i>Cephalopterus ornatus</i>
101	Crested Owl	<i>Lophotrix cristata</i>	368	Andean Cock-of-the-rock	<i>Rupicola peruviana</i>
102	Ferruginous Pygmy-owl	<i>Glaucidium brasilianum</i>	369	Golden-headed Manakin	<i>Pipra erythrocephala</i>
103	Andean Pygmy-Owl	<i>Glaucidium jardinii</i>	370	Blue-crowned Manakin	<i>Pipra pipra</i>
104	Black-and-white Owl	<i>Strix nigrolineata</i>	371	Wire-tailed Manakin	<i>Pipra filicauda</i>
105	Great Potoo	<i>Nyctibius grandis</i>	372	Golden-winged Manakin	<i>Masius chrysopterus</i>
106	Common Potoo	<i>Nyctibius griseus</i>	373	White-bearded Manakin	<i>Manacus manacus</i>
107	Pauraque	<i>Nyctidromus albicollis</i>	374	Club-winged Manakin	<i>Machaeropterus deliciosus</i>
108	Band-winged Nightjar	<i>Caprimulgus longirostris</i>	375	Turquoise Jay	<i>Cyanolyca turcosa</i>
109	Ladder-tailed Nightjar	<i>Hydropsalis climacocerca</i>	376	Violaceous Jay	<i>Cyanocorax violaceus</i>
110	White-collared Swift	<i>Streptoprocne zonaris</i>	377	Inca Jay	<i>Cyanocorax yncas</i>
111	Chestnut-collared Swift	<i>Cypseloides rutilus</i>	378	Black-billed Peppershrike	<i>Cyclarhis nigrirostris</i>
112	Gray-rumped Swift	<i>Chaetura cinereiventris</i>	379	Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>

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113 Lesser Swallow-tailed Swift	<i>Panyptila cayennensis</i>	380 Slaty-capped Shrike-Vireo	<i>Vireolanius leucotis</i>
114 Neotropical Palm-Swift	<i>Tachornis squamata</i>	381 Brown-capped Vireo	<i>Vireo leucophrys</i>
115 Rufous-breasted Hermit	<i>Glaucis hirsuta</i>	382 Lesser Greenlet	<i>Hylophilus decurtatus</i>
116 White-whiskered Hermit	<i>Phaethornis yaruqui</i>	383 Andean Solitaire	<i>Myadestes ralloides</i>
117 Tawny-bellied Hermit	<i>Phaethornis syrmatophorus</i>	384 Black Solitaire	<i>Entomodestes coracinus</i>
118 Great-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethornis malaris</i>	385 Great Thrush	<i>Turdus fuscater</i>
119 Straight-billed Hermit	<i>Phaethonis bourcierii</i>	386 Glossy-black Thrush	<i>Turdus serranus</i>
120 White-necked Jacobin	<i>Florisuga mellivora</i>	387 Black-billed Thrush	<i>Turdus ignobilis</i>
121 Brown Violet-ear	<i>Colibri delphinae</i>	388 White-necked Thrush	<i>Turdus albicollis</i>
122 Green Violet-ear	<i>Colibri thalassinus</i>	389 White-capped Dipper	<i>Cinclus leucocephalus</i>
123 Sparkling Violet-ear	<i>Colibri coruscans</i>	390 Gray-breasted Martin	<i>Progne chalybea</i>
124 Green Thorntail	<i>Popelairia conversii</i>	391 White-winged Swallow	<i>Tachycineta albiventer</i>
125 Western Emerald	<i>Chlorostilbon melanorhynchus</i>	392 Brown-bellied Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon murina</i>
126 Fork-tailed Woodnymph	<i>Thalurania furcata</i>	393 Blue and White Swallow	<i>Notiochelidon cyanoleuca</i>
127 Olive-spotted Hummingbird	<i>Leucippus chlorocercus</i>	394 Pale-footed Swallow	<i>N. flavipes</i>
128 Andean Emerald	<i>Amazilia franciae</i>	395 White-banded Swallow	<i>Atticora fasciata</i>
129 Rufous-tailed Hummingbird	<i>Amazilia tzacatl</i>	396 White-thighed Swallow	<i>Neochelidon tibialis</i>
130 Bronzy Inca	<i>Coeligena coeligena</i>	397 Southern Rough-winged Swallow	<i>Stelgidopteryx ruficollis</i>
131 Speckled Hummingbird	<i>Adelomyia melanogenys</i>	398 Black-capped Donacobius	<i>Donacobius atricapillus</i>
132 Purple-bibbed Whitetip	<i>Urosticte benjamini</i>	399 Musician Wren	<i>Cyphorhinus arada</i>
133 Empress Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa imperatrix</i>	400 Thrush-like Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus turdinus</i>
134 Fawn-breasted Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa rubinoides</i>	401 Band-backed Wren	<i>Campylorhynchus zonatus</i>
135 Green-crowned Brilliant	<i>Heliodoxa jacula</i>	402 Rufous Wren	<i>Cinnycerthia unirufa</i>
136 Ecuadorian Hillstar	<i>Oreotrochilus chimborazo</i>	403 Grass Wren	<i>Cistothorus platensis</i>
137 Giant Hummingbird	<i>Patagona gigas</i>	404 Plain-tailed Wren	<i>Thryothorus euophrys</i>
138 Shining Sunbeam	<i>Aglaeactis cupripennis</i>	405 Bay Wren	<i>Thryothorus nigricapillus</i>
139 Mountain Velvetbreast	<i>Lafresnaya lafresnayi</i>	406 Southern House-Wren	<i>Troglodytes musculus</i>
140 Great Sapphirewing	<i>Pterophanes cyanopterus</i>	407 Mountain Wren	<i>Troglodytes solstitialis</i>
141 Brown Inca	<i>Coeligena wilsoni</i>	408 White-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucosticta</i>

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142	Collared Inca	<i>Coeligena torquata</i>	409	Gray-breasted Wood-Wren	<i>Henicorhina leucophrys</i>
143	Buff-winged Starfrontlet	<i>Coeligena lutetiae</i>	410	Southern Nightingale-Wren	<i>Microcerculus marginatus</i>
144	Sword-billed Hummingbird	<i>Ensifera ensifera</i>	411	Slate-throated Gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila schistaceigula</i>
145	Buff-tailed Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua flavescens</i>	412	Paramo Pipit	<i>Anthus bogotensis</i>
146	Chestnut-breasted Coronet	<i>B. matthewsii</i>	413	Tropical Parula	<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>
147	Velvet-purple Coronet	<i>Boissonneaua jardini</i>	414	Olive-crowned Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis semiflava</i>
148	Gorgeted Sunangel	<i>Heliangelus strophianus</i>	415	Slate-throated Whitestart	<i>Myioborus miniatus</i>
149	Tourmaline Sunangel	<i>Heliangelus exortis</i>	416	Spectacled Whitestart	<i>Myioborus melanocephalus</i>
150	Sapphire-vented Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis luciani</i>	417	Three-striped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus tristriatus</i>
151	Golden-breasted Puffleg	<i>Eriocnemis mosquera</i>	418	Black-crested Warbler	<i>Basileuterus nigrocristatus</i>
152	Blue-mantled Thornbill	<i>C. stanleyi</i>	419	Choco Warbler	<i>Basileuterus chlorophrys</i>
153	Booted Racket-tail	<i>Ocreatus underwoodii</i>	420	Russet-crowned Warbler	<i>Basileuterus coronatus</i>
154	Black-tailed Trainbearer	<i>Lesbia victoriae</i>	421	Buff-rumped Warbler	<i>Basileuterus fulvicauda</i>
155	Viridian Metaltail	<i>Metallura williami</i>	422	Bananaquit	<i>Coereba flaveola</i>
156	Tyrian Metaltail	<i>Metallura tyrianthina</i>	423	Golden-rumped Euphonia	<i>Eufonia cyanocephala</i>
157	Long-tailed Sylph	<i>Agelaiocercus kingi</i>	424	Orange-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia xanthogaster</i>
158	Violet-tailed Sylph	<i>Agelaiocercus coelestis</i>	425	Thick-billed Euphonia	<i>Euphonia laniirostris</i>
159	Long-billed Starthroat	<i>Heliomaster longirostris</i>	426	Rufous-bellied Euphonia	<i>Euphonia rufiventris</i>
160	Purple-throated Woodstar	<i>Calliphox mitchellii</i>	427	White-lored Euphonia	<i>Euphonia chrysopasta</i>
161	White-bellied Woodstar	<i>Acestrura mulsant</i>	428	Cinereous Conebill	<i>Conirostrum cinereum</i>
162	Golden-headed Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus uriceps</i>	429	Blue-backed Conebill	<i>Conirostrum sitticolor</i>
163	Crested Quetzal	<i>Pharomachrus antisianus</i>	430	Capped Conebill	<i>Conirostrum albifrons</i>
164	Choco Trogon	<i>Trogon comptus</i>	431	Masked Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa cyanea</i>
165	Amazonian White-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon viridis</i>	432	Glossy Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa lafresnayii</i>
166	Western White-tailed Trogon	<i>Trogon chionurus</i>	433	Black Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa humeralis</i>
167	Collared Trogon	<i>Trogon collaris</i>	434	Rusty Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa sittoides</i>
168	Masked Trogon	<i>Trogon personatus</i>	435	White-sided Flower-piercer	<i>Diglossa albilatera</i>
169	Blue-crowned Trogon	<i>Trogon curucui</i>	436	Bluish Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossopsis caerulescens</i>
170	Ringed Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle torquata</i>	437	Purple Honeycreeper	<i>Cyanerpes caeruleus</i>

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171	Amazon Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle amazona</i>	438	Green Honeycreeper	<i>Chlorophanes spiza</i>
172	Green and Rufous Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle inda</i>	439	Golden-collared Honeycreeper	<i>Iridophanes pulcherrima</i>
173	American Pygmy Kingfisher	<i>Chloroceryle aenea</i>	440	Blue Dacnis	<i>Dacnis cayana</i>
174	Broad-billed Motmot	<i>Electron platyrhynchum</i>	441	Black-faced Dacnis	<i>Dacnis lineata</i>
175	Rufous Motmot	<i>Baryphthengus martii</i>	442	Yellow-tufted Dacnis	<i>Dacnis egregia</i>
176	Blue-crowned Motmot	<i>Momotus momota</i>	443	Fawn-breasted Tanager	<i>Pipraeidea melanonota</i>
177	Yellow-billed Jacamar	<i>Galbula albirostris</i>	444	Glistening-green Tanager	<i>Chlorochrysa phoenicotis</i>
178	White-chinned Jacamar	<i>Galbula tombacea</i>	445	Paradise Tanager	<i>Tangara chilensis</i>
179	Purplish Jacamar	<i>Galbula chalcothorax</i>	446	Green and Gold Tanager	<i>Tangara schrankii</i>
180	Great Jacamar	<i>Jacamerops aurea</i>	447	Emerald Tanager	<i>Tangara florida</i>
181	Pied Puffbird	<i>Notharchus tectus</i>	448	Rufous-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara rufigula</i>
182	Collared Puffbird	<i>Bucco capensis</i>	449	Golden Tanager	<i>Tangara arthus</i>
183	Lanceolated Monklet	<i>Micromonacha lanceolata</i>	450	Silvery-throated Tanager	<i>Tangara icterocephala</i>
184	Black-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa nigrifrons</i>	451	Saffron-crowned Tanager	<i>Tangara xanthocephala</i>
185	White-fronted Nunbird	<i>Monasa morphoeus</i>	452	Flame-faced Tanager	<i>Tangara parzudakki</i>
186	Swallow-wing	<i>Chelidoptera tenebrosa</i>	453	Metallic-green Tanager	<i>Tangara labradorides</i>
187	Scarlet-crowned Barbet	<i>Capito aurovirens</i>	454	Blue-necked Tanager	<i>Tangara cyanicollis</i>
188	Orange-fronted Barbet	<i>Capito squamatus</i>	455	Masked Tanager	<i>Tangara nigrocincta</i>
189	Gilded Barbet	<i>Capito auratus</i>	456	Golden-naped Tanager	<i>Tangara rufivertex</i>
190	Lemon-throated Barbet	<i>Eubucco richardsoni</i>	457	Scrub Tanager	<i>Tangara vitriolina</i>
191	Red-headed Barbet	<i>Eubucco bourcierii</i>	458	Gray and Gold Tanager	<i>Tangara palmeri</i>
192	Toucan Barbet	<i>Semnornis rampastinus</i>	459	Bay-headed Tanager	<i>Tangara gyrola</i>
193	Emerald Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus prasinus</i>	460	Beryl-spangled Tanager	<i>Tangara nigroviridis</i>
194	Crimson-rumped Toucanet	<i>Aulacorhynchus haematopygus</i>	461	Black-capped Tanager	<i>Tangara heinei</i>
195	Pale-mandibled Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus erythropygius</i>	462	Golden-crowned Tanager	<i>Iridosornis rufivertex</i>
196	Chestnut-eared Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus castanotis</i>	463	Scarlet-bellied Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus igniventris</i>
197	Many-banded Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus pluricinctus</i>	464	Blue-winged Mountain-Tanager	<i>Anisognathus somptuosus</i>
198	Lettered Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus inscriptus</i>	465	Hooded Mountain-Tanager	<i>Buthraupis montana</i>
199	Ivory-billed Aracari	<i>Pteroglossus azara</i>	466	Black-chested Mountain-Tanager	<i>Buthraupis eximia</i>

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200	Golden-collared Toucanet	<i>Selenidera reinwardtii</i>	467	Masked Mountain-Tanager	<i>Buthraupis wetmorei</i>
201	Plate-billed Mountain-toucan	<i>Andigena laminirostris</i>	468	Moss-backed Tanager	<i>Bangsia edwardsi</i>
202	Channel-billed Toucan	<i>Ramphastos vitellinus</i>	469	Buff-breasted Mountain-Tanager	<i>Dubusia taeniata</i>
203	Choco Toucan	<i>Ramphastos brevis</i>	470	Swallow Tanager	<i>Tersina viridis</i>
204	Chestnut-mandibled Toucan	<i>Ramphastos swainsonii</i>	471	Blue-gray Tanager	<i>Thraupis episcopus</i>
205	White-throated Toucan	<i>Ramphastos tucanus</i>	472	Palm Tanager	<i>Thraupis palmarum</i>
206	Spot-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Colaptes punctigula</i>	473	Blue-capped Tanager	<i>Thraupis cyanocephala</i>
207	Crimson-mantled Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rivolii</i>	474	Blue and Yellow Tanager	<i>Thraupis bonariensis</i>
208	Golden-olive Woodpecker	<i>Piculus rubiginosus</i>	475	Silver-beaked Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus carbo</i>
209	Cinnamon Woodpecker	<i>Celeus loricatus</i>	476	Masked Crimson Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus nigrogularis</i>
210	Scale-breasted Woodpecker	<i>Celeus grammicus</i>	477	Lemon-rumped Tanager	<i>Ramphocelus icteronotus</i>
211	Guayaquil Woodpecker	<i>C. gayaquilensis</i>	478	White-winged Tanager	<i>Piranga leucoptera</i>
212	Lineated Woodpecker	<i>Dryocopus lineatus</i>	479	Ochre-breasted Tanager	<i>Chlorothraupis stolzmanni</i>
213	Black-cheeked Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes pucherani</i>	480	Fulvous Shrike-tanager	<i>Lanio fulvus</i>
214	Smoky-brown Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis fumigatus</i>	481	White-lined Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus rufus</i>
215	Little Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis passerinus</i>	482	White-shouldered Tanager	<i>Tachyphonus luctuosus</i>
216	Red-stained Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis affinis</i>	483	Scarlet-browed Tanager	<i>Heterospingus xanthopygius</i>
217	Red-rumped Woodpecker	<i>Veniliornis kirkii</i>	484	Gray-headed Tanager	<i>Eucometis penicillata</i>
218	Crimson-crested Woodpecker	<i>Campephilus melanoleucos</i>	485	Dusky-faced Tanager	<i>Mitrospingus cassinii</i>
219	Stout-billed Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes excelsior</i>	486	Guira Tanager	<i>Hemithraupis guira</i>
220	Bar-winged Cinclodes	<i>Cinclodes fuscus</i>	487	Common Bush-Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus ophthalmicus</i>
221	Pacific Hornero	<i>Furnarius cinnamomeus</i>	488	Yellow-throated Bush-Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus flavigularis</i>
222	Lesser Hornero	<i>Furnarius minor</i>	489	Dusky Bush-Tanager	<i>Chlorospingus semifuscus</i>
223	Andean Tit-spinetail	<i>Leptasthenura andicola</i>	490	Gray-hooded Bush-Tanager	<i>Cnemoscopus rubrirostris</i>
224	White-chinned Thistletail	<i>Schizoeaca fuliginosa</i>	491	Tanager Finch	<i>Oreothraupis arremonops</i>
225	Azara's Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis azarae</i>	492	Black-backed Bush-Tanager	<i>Urothraupis stolzmanni</i>
226	Slaty Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis brachyura</i>	493	Black-capped Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus atropileus</i>
227	Dark-breasted Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis albigularis</i>	494	Superciliated Hemispingus	<i>Hemispingus superciliaris</i>
228	White-bellied Spinetail	<i>Synallaxis propinqua</i>	495	Black-eared Hemispingus	<i>H. melanotis</i>

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229 White-browed Spinetail	<i>Hellmayrea gularis</i>	496 Grass-green Tanager	<i>Chlorornis riefferii</i>
230 Red-faced Spinetail	<i>Cranioleuca erythroptus</i>	497 Plushcap	<i>Catamblyrhynchus diadema</i>
231 Parker's Spinetail	<i>C. vulpecula</i>	498 Buff-throated Saltator	<i>Saltator maximus</i>
232 Many-striped Canastero	<i>Asthenes flammulata</i>	499 Black-winged Saltator	<i>Saltator atripennis</i>
233 Streak-backed Canastero	<i>Asthenes wyatii</i>	500 Slate-coloured Grosbeak	<i>Saltator grossus</i>
234 Western Woodhaunter	<i>Hyloctistes virgatus</i>	501 Southern Yellow-Grosbeak	<i>Pheucticus chrysogaster</i>
235 Pearled Treerunner	<i>Margarornis squamiger</i>	502 Blue-black Grassquit	<i>Volatinia jacarina</i>
236 Streaked Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes boissonneautii</i>	503 Yellow-faced Grassquit	<i>Tiaris olivacea</i>
237 Chestnut-winged Hookbill	<i>Ancistrops strigilatus</i>	504 Variable Seedeater	<i>Sporophila aurita</i>
238 Lineated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Syndactyla subalaris</i>	505 Yellow-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila nigricollis</i>
239 Scaly-throated Foliage-gleaner	<i>Anabacerthia variegaticeps</i>	506 Chestnut-bellied Seedeater	<i>Sporophila castaneiventris</i>
240 Buff-fronted Foliage-gleaner	<i>Philydor rufus</i>	507 Band-tailed Seedeater	<i>Catamenia analis</i>
241 Ruddy Foliage-gleaner	<i>Automolus rubiginosus</i>	508 Plain-colored Seedeater	<i>Catamenia inornata</i>
242 Plain Xenops	<i>Xenops minutus</i>	509 Plumbeous Sierra-finch	<i>Phrygilus unicolor</i>
243 Short-billed Leaf-tosser	<i>Sclerurus rufigularis</i>	510 Ash-breasted Sierra-Finch	<i>Phrygilus plebejus</i>
244 Black-tailed Leaf-tosser	<i>Sclerurus caudacutus</i>	511 Pale-naped Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes pallidinucha</i>
245 Plain-brown Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocincla fuliginosa</i>	512 Rufous-naped Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes rufinucha</i>
246 Wedge-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Glyphorhynchus spirurus</i>	513 Tricolored Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes tricolor</i>
247 Long-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Nasica longirostris</i>	514 White-winged Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes leucopterus</i>
248 Strong-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphocolaptes promeropirhynchus</i>	515 Slaty Brush-Finch	<i>Atlapetes schistaceus</i>
249 Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes certhia</i>	516 Chestnut-crowned Brush-finch	<i>Buarremon brunneinucha</i>
250 Black-banded Woodcreeper	<i>Dendrocolaptes picumnus</i>	517 Stripe-headed Brush-Finch	<i>Buarremon torquatus</i>
251 Straight-billed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus picus</i>	518 Yellow-browed Sparrow	<i>Ammodramus aurifrons</i>
252 Buff-throated Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus guttatus</i>	519 Rufous-collared Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia capensis</i>
253 Spotted Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus erythrogygius</i>	520 Giant Cowbird	<i>Scaphidura oryzivora</i>
254 Olive-backed Woodcreeper	<i>Xiphorhynchus triangularis</i>	521 Casqued Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius oseryi</i>
255 Montane Woodcreeper	<i>Lepidocolaptes lachrymiger</i>	522 Crested Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius decumanus</i>
256 Mouse-colored Antshrike	<i>T. murinus</i>	523 Russet-backed Oropendola	<i>Psarocolius angustifrons</i>
257 Fasciated Antshrike	<i>Cymbilaimus lineatus</i>	524 Yellow-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus cela</i>

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258	Great Antshrike	<i>Taraba major</i>	525	Subtropical Cacique	<i>Cacicus uropygialis</i>
259	Uniform Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus unicolor</i>	526	Scarlet-rumped Cacique	<i>Cacicus microrhynchus</i>
260	Western Slaty Antshrike	<i>Thamnophilus atrinucha</i>	527	Northern Mountain-Cacique	<i>Cacicus leucoramphus</i>
261	Dusky-throated Antshrike	<i>Thamnomanes ardesiacus</i>	528	Scrub Blackbird	<i>Dives warszewiczi</i>
262	Rufous-tailed Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula erythrura</i>	529	Orange-backed Troupial	<i>Icterus croconotus</i>
263	Slaty Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula schisticolor</i>	530	Oriole Blackbird	<i>Gymnomystax mexicanus</i>
264	Long-winged Antwren	<i>Myrmotherula longipennis</i>	531	Hooded Siskin	<i>Carduelis magellanica</i>
265	Dot-winged Antwren	<i>Microrhophias quixensis</i>	532	Olivaceous Siskin	<i>Carduelis olivacea</i>
266	Long-tailed Antbird	<i>Drymophila caudata</i>	533	Yellow-bellied Siskin	<i>Carduelis xanthrogastra</i>
267	Black-faced Antbird	<i>Myrmoborus myotherinus</i>			

Additional species added to list on this tour:

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534	Crested Guan	<i>Penelope purpurascens</i>	548	White bellied Antpitta	<i>Grallaria hypoleuca</i>
535	Rufous fronted Wood Quail	<i>Odontophorus erythrops</i>	549	Ochre breasted Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula flavirostris</i>
536	Red and Green Macaw	<i>Ara chloropterus</i>	550	Peruvian Antpitta	<i>Grallaricula peruviana</i>
537	Chestnut winged Foliage Gleaner	<i>Philydor erythropterum</i>	551	Bronze Olive Pygmy Tyrant	<i>Pseudotriccus pelzelni</i>
538	Pacific Tuftedcheek	<i>Pseudocolaptes johnsoni</i>	552	Citron bellied Attila	<i>Attila citriniventris</i>
539	Uniform Treehunter	<i>Thripadectes ignobilis</i>	553	Rufous Mourner	<i>Rhytipterna holerythra</i>
540	Brown billed Scythebill	<i>Campylorhamphus pusillus</i>	554	Pale edge Flycatcher	<i>Myiarchus cephalotes</i>
541	Russet Antshrike	<i>Thamnistes anabatinus</i>	555	Lemon browed Flycatcher	<i>Conopias cinchoneti</i>
542	Yellow browed Antbird	<i>Hypocnemis hypoxantha</i>	556	Sepia brown Wren	<i>Cinnycerthia olivascens</i>
543	Rufous rumped Antwren	<i>Terenura callinota</i>	557	Whiskered Wren	<i>Thryothorus mystacalis</i>
544	Esmeraldas Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza nigricauda</i>	558	Long billed Gnatwren	<i>Ramphocaenus melanurus</i>
545	Stub tailed Antbird	<i>Myrmeciza berlepschi</i>	559	Chestnut breasted Chlorophonia	<i>Chlorophonia pyrrhophrys</i>
546	Black capped Tyrannulet	<i>Phyllomyias nigrocapillus</i>	560	Indigo Flowerpiercer	<i>Diglossa indigotica</i>
547	Choco Tyrannulet	<i>Zimmerius albigularis</i>	561	Tropical Mockingbird	<i>Mimus gilvus</i>

Mammals

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1	Brown-throated Three-toed Sloth	<i>Bradypus variegatus</i>	12	Black Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta fuliginosa</i>
2	Pygmy Marmoset	<i>Cebuella pygmaea</i>	13	White-lined Sac-winged Bat	<i>Saccopteryx bilineata</i>
3	Black-mantled Tamarin	<i>Saguinus nigricollis</i>	14	Red brocket Deer	<i>Mazama americana</i>
4	Night Monkey	<i>Aotus vociferans</i>	15	White tailed Deer	<i>Odocoelis virginianus</i>
5	Squirrel Monkey	<i>Saimiri sciureus</i>	16	Brown Agouti	<i>Dasyprocta punctata</i>
6	White-fronted Capuchin Monkey	<i>Cebus albifrons</i>	17	Opossum	<i>Didelphis marsupialis</i>
7	Red Howler Monkey	<i>Alouatta seniculus</i>	18	Podu	<i>Podu menphistophiles</i>
8	Dusky Titi Monkey	<i>Callicebus molloccupreus</i>	19	Red tailed Boa	<i>Boa constrictor</i>
9	Red-tailed Squirrel	<i>Sciurus granatensis</i>	20	Anaconda	<i>Eunectes murinus</i>
10	Northern Amazon Red Squirrel	<i>Sciurus igniventris</i>	21	Fishing Bat	<i>Noctylia sp</i>
11	Brazilian Rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus brasiliensis</i>			